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Comparison of the Methods and Characteristics of the Political Machinists Who Have Split the Republican Party of Greater New York.

By Alfred Henry Lewis.

"There be," according to Shakespeare, "land rats and water rats, land thieves | full. He has been Assemblyman and State Senator. Also, he was for a time an Aland water thieves."

This is over-true. There be, in good fact, pirates and pirates; there be Platt and Worth. It would be lingually unwise to say one is better than the other; let us say one is worse than the other. There are the Francis Drakes, who, in the intervals of their pillageric, remember their race broadly, carry their prows into strange oceans, extend geography and plant the English Jack and civilization in savage lands. And such, in politics, is Platt. There are the Blackbeards, egotistical as sharks, and as hungry, with no impulse save their appetites, no motive but their avarice, who, black with the rust of ignorance and of ignoile taste, would capture anything from a galleon to a garbage seow. And such, in politics, is Worth. These two at present split Republican politics. And just as one bad man may be right as against another bad man, so Platt is right as against Worth. One is legitimate, while the other is illegitimate. Platt had lawful birth, while Worth, who is a mere by-blow of party, comes by the left hand and wears the barsinister on his escutcheon of politics. To-day these two gayards and read New York Republicantary. two quarrel and rend New York Republicanism. And this quarrel is to be one among

other matters to bring about Democratic success.

They make good character sketches, these two buccaneers of politics. Neither has the scruples of a wolf; each is for self, and each essays to construct a government for New York, not for public good, but for his own aggrandizement. Both will go down while the wheels of decent sentiment roll over them.

While they both shoot at the same target, in other respects Platt and Worth widely differ. Platt, we all know. Senator now, he was Senator years ago, to tame-

derman, when Low, the portentious if not potent, was the Mugwump Mayor of Brooklyn in the earlier 'Sos. Now Worth is County Clerk, at an intake of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year in fees. That is not so bad! Who is there to say that politics does not pay, when one like Worth, ignorant and uncouth, who lands in Brooklyn unknown, unhonored and unsung, can from a mere ragpicker of party become at last the proprietor of a place which pays the annual fortune I have chron-icled? And yet some men go to Klondyke when Brooklyn is so easy and so near. Worth was also at one time a member of the Brooklyn Election Board, and, while it was early noted that no campaign was altogether safe in Worth's company without a chaperon, still he held this place some time. And many a neat job of corkscrew kind was performed for either party in those Board of Election days. Just why Worth should be regarded as a Republican would take time and study to tell. Probably his last retainer came from that side. What a descent in politics does Worth's career present! Step by step he goes down. First a ward worker, then a Republican, and now "a reformer." Hollowness of Reform.

It was when Low was Mayor that Worth was Alderman, and became filled with the spirit and the breath of "reform." I do not know that I like Low; I never met him, but I certainly am moved with suspicion of a man who would "reform" Worth, and come, finally, fifteen years later, to be Worth's candidate for Mayor. I do not know Low. I say; but what little I have read and heard leads me against him. He strikes me as a prig; one full of narrowness and self-applause; a fashion of Grover



County Clerk Jacob Worth, of Kings.

Cleveland, with an atmosphere of the academy and freighted to the gunwales with

a self-shipped cargo of conceit. He so far differs from Cleveland that he has educa-tion, and no doubt a decent, taught gentility. But education is, after all, not much. There are educated men just as there are educated monkeys, and I've yet to learn

that it swelled the honesty, augmented the good sense or enlarged the heart of them. My notion of Lew may be all wrong. But I promise this: If I discover hereafter dark error in my estimate of Low, I'll humbly set it forth and make apology. Meanwhile he occurs to me as a prig, an un-American aristocrat, and one who,

while panting to the point of being abject for the Mayoralty, pretends otherwise, and attempts to patronize the public while he begs political alms of it like any other beggarman of party. Mind you! I find no fault with Low's ambition; I find fault with his stills and that fog of foolish self-consequence wherein he hoods and hides

his head. The worst thing about Low is Worth, and the latter's championship of

But to leave Low, with whom we have no direct business here, and to go back

shown, perhaps, when he offered a bill at Albany to make over to the Standard Oil

some twenty millions of property, being in good sooth about all of the water front between Newtown Creek and Montauk Point. This public-spirited measure failed;

much to Standard Oil grief, and Worth's own chagrin.

Again, as shedding a ray on Worth, when once he performed as a legislator in Albany, the State fell into such straits that nobody but Hiscock, Miller and Morton

presented themselves for the United States Senate, Worth, of course, was in the thick

of the hub-bub, like a cup purse at a country fair. One day the Troy Times came out, and in a bland, convincing double-leaded editorial, mentioned Worth, the Senate

candidates and \$10,000 in very close connection. The publication bred great and in-

stant interest in Worth, and a cloud of newspaper folk swept down to the Ken-more to interview him. Worth received them with airs of hashful innocence, like a

country girl at a kermess. But the hot questionings of the visitors smoked him

Peculiar Form of Idlocy.

be told. If he was, he maintained his peace.

In person Worth is big, muscular and was, when he came ashore in Brooklyn

those thirty years ago, a man of great physical power. Unlike Low and like a late

president. Worth is very highly uneducated. He talks the Bowery lingo, and interjects "See!" at every period. This word "See!" so multiplied, serves admirably as

stepping stones upon which you may trip dryshod across the rather muddy currents of

Worth's conversation. Worth is exactly the opposite of Platt in physical look. Ho

is broad, bluff, vital, hook-nosed, with a full savage beard. And, moreover, unlike

the wan and sandy Platt, Worth is as black as a Spaniard. Worth attempts the hearty in his greeting of men, and being "one of the boys," while he sticks to

"lemon and soda," himself, he is abundant about the Brooklyn saloons at the call of campaign duty. Worth leads men well. He keeps his promises when afraid to

break them, and treats fairly all who are strong enough to make him trouble or

breed harm to his plans. The weak he walks down with no more of hesitation than any other cruel Mr. Hyde. Worth is a more popular figure than Platt. Worth gets out among his folk where they can see him; Platt is a back-room, barred door com-

There need be no mistake as to why Platt and worth are presently fighting. Worth

has but one hope, one care; that is to carry Kings County. Worth believes that Platt, in nominating a New York City machinist for the Mayoralty, would lose not only the fight for Greater New York-which Worth looks on as already lost-but the

Kings County ticket as well. And it is that Kings County ticket Worth is now battling for. With Low-a local light-running for Mayor, Worth belives that while

Low would lose, he Worth, could corrul Klugs County. Greater New York might go.

Kings County would be saved. Platt might be destroyed, Worth would live. Those three offices, Sheriff, Register and Clerk-one of which Worth holds-with an annual income for all three of full \$200,000-are the brands Worth is trying to pluck

from the burning. The nation is naught to Worth. Greater New York is naught; so that he save to himself Kings County and these three plums of place. That is why

Worth is going to battle with Platt; that is why he takes up the cause of Low. Worth

does not look for Low's success. Worth expects Low to be defented. But he also ex-

pects to make a stalking horse of that concelt-blinded educator in his hunting of the

"Is there any damned fool present who thinks I would sell my vote for \$10,000?

Whether the peculiar sort of idiot asked for by Worth was present or not cannot

him may well excuse my suspicions,

out. At last he asked, wrathfully:

If it is not worth more than that I'll keep it.'

ly follow Conkling into the wilderness, when that curied chieftain, in a fit of spleenish pique, resigned his Senate seat. In that far day, when the god-like Conking ruled, Platt sat humbly at his knee and piped "me too" appropriately. Conkling played political golf and swatted the ball of office about the party links. Platt

Senator Thomas C. Platt.

But those days are gone—Conkling, Garfield, Blaine, all gone and the long grasses grow above them and their feuds. And now, in a piping day, Platt is chief in Conk-

Platt is essentially furtive, lurking, catlike. He delights in moonlight politics and sllows the byways. Platt avoids the eye, is seldom in the show ring, lacks wor fully as a grand-stander, and, in making his excursions, sticks to the allers and keeps off the streets. Few men see, and fewer still know, Platt. He is sly, rather than bold, chicanes rather than assails, and when attacked, he does not fight in that striffsh sense of collision and hard knocks. He poisons all the springs and streams and standing water, and then falls back into the hills. Platt does with snares what others do by blows; Platt traps while others hunt. And yet Platt, in a feline way, likes trouble. Set out a bowl of milk and a bowl of blood, and turn your sure of unobservation. Platt will lap the blood. But if you stare at him, Platt dissembles with the milk, purring meanwhile with religious fervor. Platt is ever the hypocrite and knows of no worse fate than mere discovery. To meet him one sees a man; thin, witty and gray. He looks more like a dyspeptic than a leader. Also he makes a vast pretense of religion, but of that decorous and subdued, rather than the camp-meeting sort. Platt's points of power are his egotism, his skill for sly effort, his taient as a trader of politics; but beyond all, his vanity. Platt likes to set before the mirror of present time and contemplate his reflection as "a leader." He talks of his "leadership" as Otero might of her diamonds, and if Platt's soul and his "leadership" were both in equal danger Platt would buckle his precious "leadership." His soul might fend for itself.

A Different Animal.

Worth is of another sort than Platt. Worth is vigorous where Platt is fine. If a band of music went by Worth would regard the bass drum as the most impressive instrument. Platt would prefer the piccolo. Worth does his killing with an ax. When any homicide of politics enforces its way upon Platt's schedule he works with sack and howstring. Platt waits until midnight and then, with his victim gagged, baggel and bound, drowns him in the Bosphorus of party.

The personal habits of these two are cautious rather than good. Neither Worth nor Platt is a deep drinker. Neither loves the cup. Platt does not drink because it is inelegant and militates against his religious pose. Worth sticks to "lemon and soda," for that he feels the gnawing need of his head cool and his eyes open,

It was thirty years agone-just after the war, we'll say-when Worth came ashore in Brooklyn. Worth had aforetime been a sailor. He was remarkable only as a person whose frame was heavily tattoced. To-day, if Worth were to remove his rniment he would dazzle the world like a rainbow. For years on shipboard, whenever it was Worth's watch below, he pulled his shirt over his head, spread himself on a sea chest, while his messmates worked their artistic will upon him. As a tattooed outcome Worth is covered as by a blue and red garment, with patterns of legs, and arms, and stars, and birds, and beasts, and whales, and ships under full sail, and similar contributions, in India lak. There were no dime museums in those days else Worth, when he came aboard of Brooklyn those thirty years ago, would possibly have sustained life as a freak, and we might thus have escaped the bale and black woe of his Kinga County "leadership." As it was, he plunged into life in the "Old Fourth District.'

It befell in those days, as it sometimes does in these, that an honest man attended party conventions and became very much in the way. Worth on such occasions gained much favorable mention in the "Old Fourth" by the fashion in which he showed these obstructionists out of the door.

In his first development Worth waded into politics without any knowledge of what it was all about. Then, as now, lacking scruple, view and conviction, regarding the public simply as a goose to be plucked, Worth had no purpose but himselfthe extension of his power and his pocket. Issues never bothered Worth; he himself, was and is, with him, the only issue. And so it fell out that Worth was most useful to those who were of most use to him. He was for the Democrats or for the Republicans, whichever offered best for Worth; and he came at last to be known as a "McLaughlin Republican," which, in its way, would be much the same phrase as a "Platt Democrat." And this Dugald Dalgetty of politics waxed rich; to-day he is ripely worth full \$700,000; and all these riches had their inception in Worth's in-

dustrious farming of his "Old Fourth District."

Worth has not only "managed" politics, he has held frequent office. At all times
In and out of office, he has milked politics like a cow. The pail of Worth was always | County of Kings.

Widow. "He's a good son, and I know the widow come from the bigs."

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"Office, I do not want that driver, if on being held on the charge of managurabre. Almost beside himself with grief, the young teamster a meared before Magistrate Wentvorth."

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One Night and Never . Returned.

Morris Feike Know More Than They Will Tell.

to Worth. As an office holder, Worth was never regarded as a victory for the public. He saved no money; he bred no reforms; he was good for the party, bad for the people; excellent beyond description for Worth. His legislative bent was Miss Seybold says Mrs. Nopenny wrote to her and to her other sister in Europe about a year ago, asking about the best

about a year ago, asking about the best way to deposit or invest \$0,000. Miss Seybold argues that the missing woman must have had a large sum of money when she disappeared.

"She told my wife and I," said Andresse, "that she had only \$000 after her husband died and the estate was settled. She put \$200 into the business at No. 581. Soon afterward she lent me \$200. I gave no note, but it was understood that Mrs. Nopenny was to board the amount out. She and a girl who worked for her took their meals at my house for about four months. The balance of the \$200 I still owe her.

"She also located \$200 to Morris Felke, who had a small cigar factory in Greenpoint. He quit the cigar business and went into the dry goods business. Mrs. Nopenny afterward asked him for \$50 on account and he gave her a check. I told the detectives I though Felke could tell something about the old lady."

Andresse is a dwarf, a German of American parentage. He is not over 4 feet 8 inches tail, but is good looking, shrewd and his conversation betrays intelligence in high degree and some education.

Felke Has Disappeared.

Feike Has Disappeared. Morris Feike's place is at No. 148 Manhattan avenue, in a building owned by a man named Kauffmann. But Felke and his large

street.

Little Andresse maintains that Mrs. No-penny frequently complained to him of "black visions." which troubled her. But Miss Seybold and Mrs. Martin say that the missing woman was of a healthy, cheery temperament and had never showed signs of mental unbalance.

BOY SAVES CHUM'S LIFE.

Although Not a Swimmer, He Heroically Goes to the Rescue of the Drowning Lad.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Sept. 2.-Young Arthur Lowden saved his little chum, George Nolan, from drowning in Biram Creek at Portchester yesterday afternoon,

Arthur, without any hesitation, pulled off is coat and jumped in the creek. The pung life saver, despite the fact that he hald not swim a stroke, clutched hold of a playmate's hair, and succeeded in struging to a rock, to which he clung until tip arrived. The Noian boy was restituted.

# ON BICYCLES. FIFTEEN MINUTES

by Police at Narragansett Pier.

WAS SHE IN LOVE AT 58? MANY COTTAGES MENACED. WATCHED BY A CROWD

Others Have Been Robbed Man and Woman Suspected.

Andresse admits the circulations of the system of the was my friend, nothing more. It is a wife and children whom I love, and Nopenny was very fond of them, too. Martin, and her son, W. C. Martin, added Mrs. Nopenny in the floral businged with the store at a first she disappeared. Young Martin and her when she had the store at SI Grand street. The store is now at the law. This law makes it a felony for the "ticket scalpers" against the "anti-scalpers law" is on. Frederick M. Bolies, a clerk in the office of Gustave G. Lansing, at No. 397 Broadway, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Wentworth in the Centre Street Police Court on a warrant charging him with violating the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the law. This law makes it a felony for the "ticket scalpers" against tweive-year-old Florate. have been drowned in Sheepshead Bay yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Arnheim is the wife of a musician now playing with Sousa's band at Manhattan Beach. The girl is her niece. Her home is with her parents at No. 267 Eckford the provided in Sheepshead Bay yesterday afternoon. rs. Nopenny's disappearance yester-but do not explain why they never of a rallroad line to sell a transportation ing suits in Corde's hotel and walked

Mrs. Nopenny Left Her Store But 'It Was a Vain Effort Rev. John F. Bright Holds the Record for Rapid Immersions.

Police Think Louis Andresse and One Was That of R. G. Dun, but All Carterville Crowded the River Banks and Railroad

Trestle to See.

The best efforts of the Brooklyn police have falled to unearth any clew to the whereabouts of Mrs. Annie Nopenny, the whome, at No. 581 Grand street, Williamsburg, last Nevember.

Miss Jans Seybold, her slater, despite her skity years, perslats in personally following every clew that the police investigation brings to light.

Miss Seybold came from Kanasa City, where she has a school for languages, two weeks ago, and then first learned that her slater Annie, Mrs. Nopenny, whom she had not seen for two years, bad disappeared and at once asked the aid of Captula Reynold, of the Detective Bureau.

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of a railroad line to sell a transportation find Mrs. Nopenny striends that she had disappeared.

"Mr. Nopenny died in April, 1896," said Mrs. Martin, "and Mrs. Nopenny opened the store at No. 581 soon afterward. She lived back of the store at... took most of her meals out. She was small, of delicate feature, had dark halt, turning gray, and gray eyes. She generally dressed in black, wore a little wildow's bonnet, and always carried a black bag.

"She had been reared in a convent in Germany, and had one sister who was Mother Superior of a convent in Heropean and a brother who is a priest in Wyandorf the Mrs. Nopenny was on Friday, November 20, 1896. She had arranged to leave her room back of the arranged to leave her room back of the store and take lodgings with me al No. 545 Grand street. On the night of November 20—the best night she was to have stopped in the shop—afrs. Nopenny was gone, and to be store, Mis. Nopenny was cone, and the store, Mis. Nopenny was cone, and the store and take lodgings when my son went to be store, Mis. Nopenny was gone, and to be store, Mis. Nopenny was cone, and the store and take lodgings when my son went to be store, Mis. Nopenny was gone, and to be stor

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March 8, 1897.

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### Do Not Be Deceived.

named Kauffmann. But Felke and his large family, who had occupied a flat over the store, were gone, and nobody knew where they might be found. They moved out suddenly one morning in April.

Miss Seyboid as all yesterday that she and Mrs. Nopenny came to America in 1870 with the intention of starting a school of languages in New York, Miss Seyboid had been governess in the family of a French nobleman and each had a little money.

Annie, the younger, met Antonio Nopenny, whom, despite her sister's obections, she married. Nopenny claimed to be rich and of noble birth. He turned out to be ignorant, vulgar and penniless. For twenty-five years he kept flower shops in Grand street.

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"I didn't want to see George drown like In Next Sunday's Journal.